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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Press Release on North and South Cavalcade Public Meeting

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Attached is a press release announcing a public meeting concerning the North and South Cavalcade Street sites. We anticipate a release date of August 23. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or Ellen Greeney at X7-9702.

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The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that initial field investigations will probably begin in September at the North and South Cavalcade Street hazardous waste sites. The investigations will determine the extent and nature of contamination at the sites. A meeting to discuss the anticipated actions and schedules of the investigations will be held Wednesday, September 11, 1985, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the ^{also} Linder Park Civic Club at 218 Joyce Street in Houston, Texas.

The North Cavalcade Street site covers about 21 acres in northeast Houston about one mile west of the intersection of Interstate Loop 610 North and U.S. Route 59. The South Cavalcade Street site covers about 69 acres bounded by Cavalcade Street, Collingsworth Street, Missouri and Pacific RR, and the Houston Belt and Terminal RR Passenger Main and Maury Street.

Koppers Company, Inc., has agreed to conduct the site investigation at the South Cavalcade site. EPA will maintain oversight of the activities. EPA will conduct all activities at the North Cavalcade Street site. Information obtained in the initial field investigations will be evaluated with respect to potential releases of contaminants from the sites and impacts on public health. The investigation and feasibility study should be completed in about 18 months.

After World War II, Houston Creosoting Inc. began wood treating operation at the North site. In about 1955, the operations were expanded to include pentachlorophenol (PCP) preservative services. The operations ended in 1961 apparently by a bank foreclosure and was subsequently developed and houses two large warehouses.

The south site was also a wood treatment facility from 1911 to 1939. From 1940 to 1961 Koppers Company Inc. operated a wood treating facility and coal tar distillation operation. The site is currently used by three trucking firms.

Early in 1983, the Texas Department of Water Resources was notified of the possible contamination of the sites. On October 2, 1984, both sites were placed on the National Priority List (NPL).

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